
There will be other issues that concern you. Find out your candidate's position on them before casting your ballot. There is no use complaining about the current situation in Canada unless we are prepared to do something about it. Now is the time.

What to do

1. Determine the views of the candidates in your riding.
2. Pass this information along to family members, friends and neighbours and members of your community organizations, and your church. This is vitally important. Word of mouth works wonders.
3. Volunteer to work in the office of the candidate of your choice.
4. Drive supporters of your candidate to the polls – both in the advance polls and on election day. Transporting voters to the polls is of crucial importance in a close election.

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Strengthening Our Nation



Issues such as:

- Child Care
- Family Taxation
- Non-medical use of drugs
- Child pornography
- Prostitution
- Suppression of Crime

deeply affect our society and the security of our families.

The fabric of our society can be improved or torn apart, depending on the government we elect in this 2008 federal election.

Because of space limitations, we were able to include only the policies of the three major parties that currently hold seats in the House of Commons.

ISSUES	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL	NDP
Safety - Law and Order	Supports mandatory sentences. Does not support conditional sentences (sentences served at home). Plans to strengthen legislation on youth to make them more responsible for their criminal acts.	Rejects most mandatory sentencing and prefers judicial discretion in sentencing. Supports sentences served at home. Believes young offenders should be treated leniently in the justice system.	Rejects most mandatory sentencing, preferring judicial discretion in sentencing. Supports conditional sentences. Opposes further restrictions on young offenders.
Non-medical Use of Drugs	Opposes decriminalization of marijuana. Provided funding for drug prevention & treatment services. Opposes drug injection sites. Takes tough approach to illicit drug use, marijuana grow-ops, drug dealers.	Supports drug injection sites and proposes further such sites be established across Canada. Takes a lenient approach to drug enforcement.	Supports drug injection sites and the decriminalization of marijuana.
Child Pornography	Supports the elimination of the defence of artistic merit to justify the possession of child pornography.	Supports the defence of artistic merit to a charge of child pornography provided that the artist's work serves a "legitimate purpose" (undefined) and does not pose "an undue threat of harm."	Supports defence of artistic merit for the possession of child pornography.
Euthanasia	Opposes physician-assisted suicide. Will allow a free vote on the issue.	Supports physician-assisted suicide with specific guidelines.	Supports physician-assisted suicide.
Family Taxation	Eliminated discrepancy between personal and spousal exemption in income tax. Permits pension splitting, but not income splitting for spouses for tax purposes.	Supports tax advantages for two income families resulting in single income families paying higher taxes. Objects to spousal income splitting for tax purposes.	Supports women in the paid workforce only and provides no tax advantages for stay at home parents. Opposes income splitting for spouses.
Child Care	Directly pays to families \$1,200 annually for each child under 6 years of age. Opposes a national child care program.	Supports a government funded national child care program available to all parents. No funds available for private child care or to parents raising children at home.	Supports national universal child care program to operate under national guidelines. No funds available for private child care or to parents raising children at home.
Prostitution	Supports present prostitution laws which prohibit communicating for the purpose of prostitution, operating a bawdy house, and living off the avails of prostitution.	Supports decriminalizing prostitution to allow privately-operated brothels.	Supports decriminalization of prostitution to allow privately operated brothels.
Special Interest Funding	Decreased special interest funding by \$1.5 billion in 2006. Disbanded Court Challenges Program and the Law Commission.	Supports special interest funding, e.g., feminist organizations. Funded agencies such as Court Challenges Program and Law Reform Commission which promoted left wing policies.	Supports special interest funding, the Court Challenges Program and the Law Commission.